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At about 6 p.m. on 12 March 1954, a column of about 35 trucks towing 16 x 76.2-mm guns returned to the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde. The column had left during the night on 5 March. The installation was occupied by an estimated 1,200 to 1,400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Three T-34/85 tanks, 6 three-axle armored personnel carriers, 8 x 76.2-mm guns, 8 guns of a smaller caliber, presumably AT guns; 5 tank trucks, 20 trucks, 4 x 120-mm mortars and 4 x 82-mm mortars were seen in the installation. Prior to 16 March, the troops engaged in drill training in marksmanship, map orientation and maintenance work. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation  

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Trucks   and sidecar motorcycle   were seen at driving school practice.

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  Comment. The departure of the column on 5 March, as well as its return on 12 March, are reported for the first time.   the transfer of elements of the 16th Gds Meoz Regt of the 6th Gds Meoz Div which, according to observations   in 2 shipments moved to Maritz Lake-Neuruppin area for exercises on 4 and 5 March and, with a first shipment, returned from there at noon on 11 March. According to information in the present report, the second shipment may have arrived in Bad Freienwalde as late as in the afternoon on 12 March.  

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